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IMAGE

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- I, Satoshi Sugiura, hereby declare of my own personal knowledge and belief:
- 1. THAT I am a named co-inventor (with Mitsue Miyazaki) on U.S. Patent No. 6,320,377 B1.
- 2. THAT I was earlier a named inventor in the above-identified pending patent application but am no longer an inventor after amendment concurrently herewith to delete "non-selective" features from the hereinafter pending claims.
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